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Sunday, October 11, 2026
8:30am
11:00am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

*For God's glory, to make and deploy mature
and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.*

Whether you are a visitor or a member, it is a joy to worship our Lord Jesus Christ with you this morning. Please consider participating in our Discipleship Hour and Community Groups throughout the week as well.

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We believe it is right and good for children of all ages to be with the adult community in worship. Please do not hesitate to keep your child with you. However, we do offer Children's Church for 3-4 yr. olds. Those children participating can be dismissed to the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

Because we live in a fallen, broken, sinful world, we can come to Sunday morning worship at times with hearts weighed down with burdens, struggles, and concerns. It is not God's will that we shoulder these burdens and concerns alone. Each Sunday immediately following the worship service, there are people at the right front of the church who stand ready to listen to your concerns and to pray with you. So, whatever your concern, no matter how big or small, feel free to come, to share and to be prayed for.

Prepare yourself now for the highest calling of the people of God which is the worship of God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

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Reflections

Genesis 15:6: “And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

Romans 4:5-8: “just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ‘Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.’”

2 Corinthians 5:21: “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Romans 12:1-2: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Charles Bridges: “When our mind is dark, our lips are sealed. But when He opens our understanding to learn His judgements, He will next open our lips and our mouths shall show forth His praise.”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Rev. Jonathan Williams, Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Songs of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art Holy; there is none beside Thee.
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three persons, blessed Trinity.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, Merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend.
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men.
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.
Chorus

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.
Chorus

Hearing from the Savior

New Testament Reading

John 14:15-24

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me."

Responding to the Savior

Prayers of the Church

Commandment 11, Scott & Tara Jacobs

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Three ways to give: the Giving Box, online through the website, or mail to the church at PO Box 80787, Simpsonville, SC 29680

§ Song of Praise

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

§ Affirmation of Faith

from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Pastor: What is justification?

All: *Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

Pastor: What is Sanctification?

All: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

§ Song of Preparation*

Ancient Words

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-4 yr. olds to the children's wing for Children's Church.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Chorus (2x)

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- ² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
³ who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
- ⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- ⁵ Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Paul Sanders

"The Good Life"

Week after week we proclaim the Bible because we are convinced it is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. That means that it comes to us from God, so it is true in everything that it claims. Therefore, you can trust it with all of your heart, and it will not let you down.

Responding to the Savior

Confession of Sin

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

Holy Lord, we have sinned times without number and have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your word, and of neglect to see you in our daily lives. Our transgressions and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations. But we bless you that they will not stand against us for all have been laid upon Jesus Christ. Continue to subdue in our corruptions and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of our flesh and the lusting of our minds bring our spirit into subjection but rule over us with your liberty and power. Continue the word of your spirit—answering no to our wrongful prayers and fitting us to accept your answer. Purge us of false desire, every base aspiration, and everything contrary to your rule. Deliver us from everything that dims the brightness of your grace at work in us. Create in us a cross-shaped posture of life—and give to us the courage to follow you in the costly life of Christian discipleship. We bless you, our God and King! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hearing from the Savior

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Responding to the Savior

§ Song of Response

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the king of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
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§ Benediction

Colossians 3:16a & Romans 15:33

(May) the word of Christ dwell in you richly...May the God of peace with you all. Amen

If you have a need or would like to find out more about the Gospel, the Post Worship Team stands ready to meet with you and pray. Simply make your way to the front right-hand side of the sanctuary after the Benediction, and a team member will be there to meet with you.

Space for Notes:

Discussion Questions for Community Groups & Families:

Series: Word-Driven: Second Sunday Psalms #5 · Psalm 119:1-8 · “The Good Life”

1. What was your top takeaway from the sermon?
2. Especially for our youth and children:
 - a. Talk with the kids about justification and sanctification. Justification – God declares *us* righteous because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. Sanctification – God makes us grow in righteousness over time, through the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Can you think of an example in your life when disobeying God’s Word resulted in sadness for you?
3. How should our justification (declared righteous/blameless) inform our sanctification (growth in holiness)?
4. Can you give an example of how pursuing a Word-driven life has produced happiness for you?
5. Discuss ways that God’s law is purposed for our good and happiness in life.
6. Can you describe how a greater knowledge of God’s Word has improved your worship of God?
7. Why might we struggle to desire living a life that is Word-driven?
8. Why is it important to remember that sanctification is impossible without God’s sustaining grace?
9. What is one step you can take this week towards a Word-driven life?

Why Do We Do That?

Confessions of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Public confession of sin, while often neglected or even disdained in our own time, was an accepted element of worship in virtually every branch of Christendom from the early church through the end of the 19th century. But make no mistake, it is Biblical (read Nehemiah 9 and the Psalms).

As the American church increasingly emphasized relaxation and spectacle in worship, and particularly the “comfort” of non-believers, confession of sins in public worship was abandoned in favor of friendlier activities.

For us as a Reformed congregation, corporate confession of our sins is an important part of the dialogue between God and His people because the Bible clearly teaches that unconfessed sin disrupts our relationship with the Lord, and is a barrier to worship (Psalm 24:3-5, Psalm 32, II Chronicles 7:14). Once our sins are sincerely confessed, we are able to offer acceptable worship to our holy God.

Now, as we confess our sins before our God, what assurance do we have that God has heard our earnest confession and has indeed forgiven our sins? How do we hear God’s part in the dialogue? We have the unfailing promises of God in His word that are “yea and amen” to us at Christ Community Church just as they were to His people of old (See 2 Corinthians 1:20).

We must never forget that forgiveness of sins comes only through the mediation of our risen Savior, and not through the pronouncements of any man (Acts 5:31, Ephesians 1:7-10).

For this reason, the Assurance of Pardon that appears (at times) in our Order of Worship is drawn directly from Scripture. When the Pastor pronounces the Assurance of Pardon, he is appropriating it for himself as well, a believer among fellow believers.

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.
When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable “I AM,” the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior, and my God.

Charity L. Bancroft, 1841-1923

We encourage you to hold on to these corporate prayers and the assurances of pardon for your own personal reflection throughout your week. We often pull from the Scripture and also from prayer books of long ago which unite us in heart and voice with the saints who have gone before us.

Mark your calendars:

October

- 11: Night of Praise Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- 15: Men’s Night Out, Sheriff Burger, Simpsonville, 6pm
- 21: Ladies’ Night Out, Bonefish Grill, 6pm
- 30: CCC Youth Retreat

More information can be found in the Update, on the app, and/or website.

- The first Sunday of each month we take a collection of personal care items for the Center for Community Services. Items can be placed in the wagon located next to the Information Desk in the foyer.
- Members can pick up a monthly giving report summary in the Deacons’ office.

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